Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 5-7, 9, 10, and 12-14.

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REMARKS:

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Entry of the Amendment made herein prior to examination is requested. Minor non-

substantive changes are made to the both the specification and drawings. The term "half value

width" was changed to --FWHM (TILT)--. "Surface state" was changed to --surface

morphology--. "Seconds" was changed to --arcseconds--. In Figure 12, "ZrB2 Board" was

changed to --ZrB₂ Substrate--. No new matter is added. Claims 1-32 are pending in the

application. Examination and consideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully

requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance.

the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California

telephone number (213) 337-6810 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in

condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the

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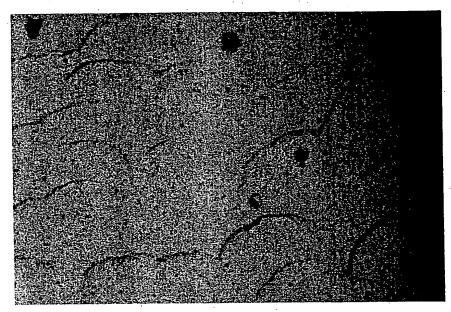
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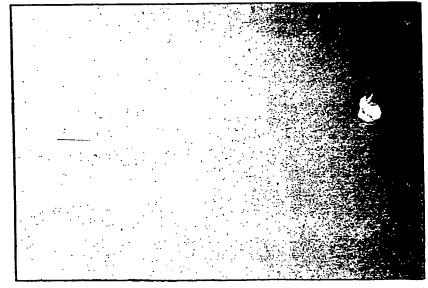


FIG. 5



SURFACE STATE B (250 μ m × 190 μ m) MORPHOLOGY

FIG. 6



SURFACE STATE A (250 μ m × 190 μ m) MORPHOLOGY

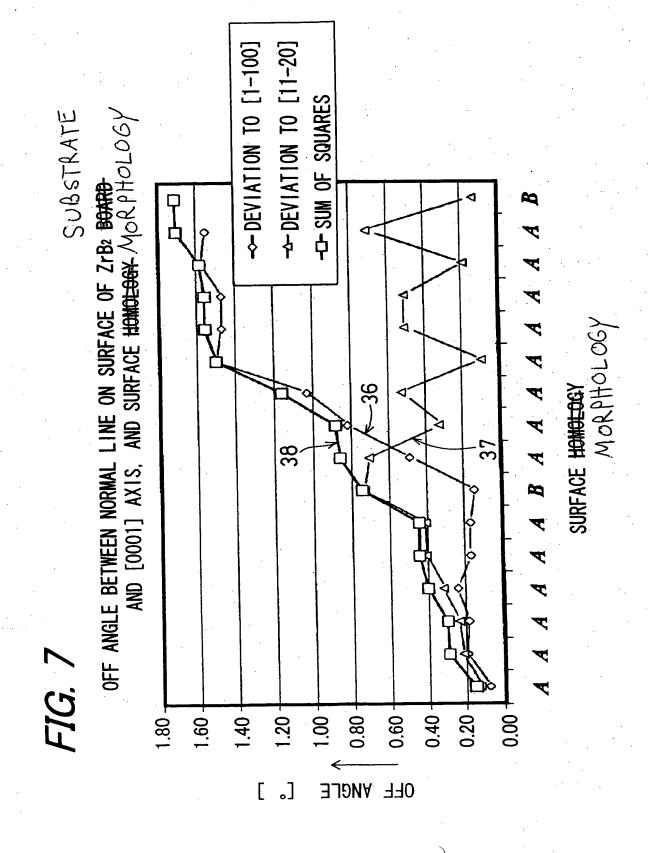
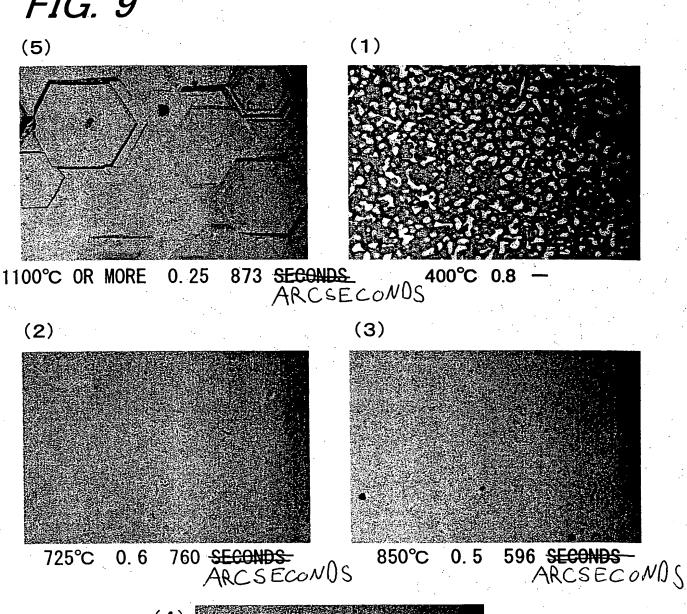
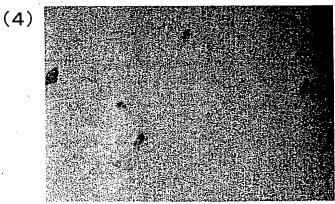


FIG. 9





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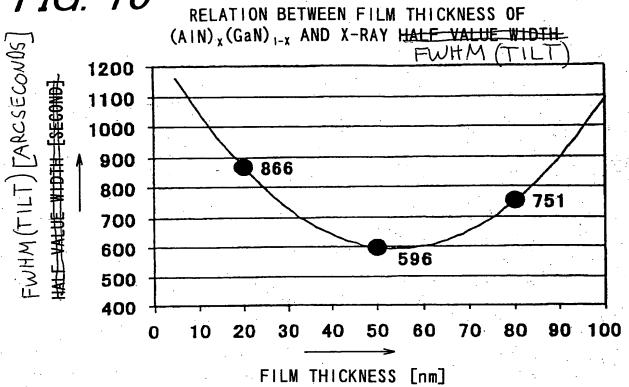
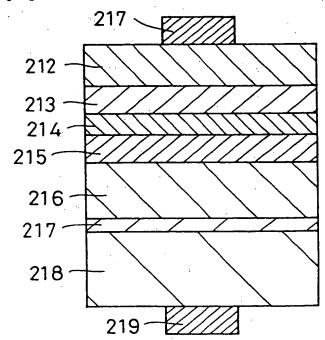


FIG. 11



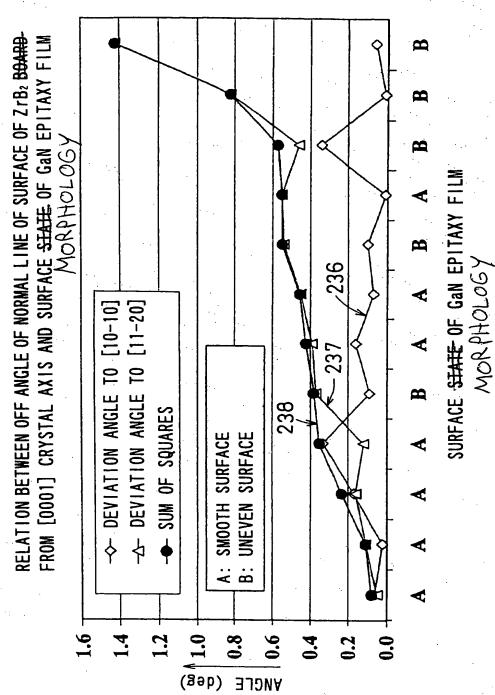
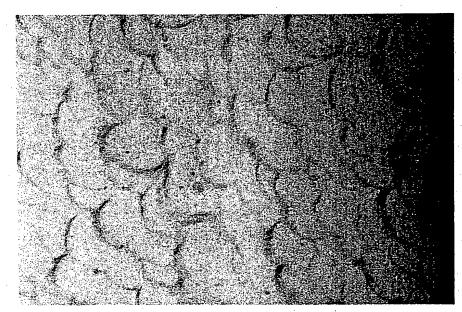
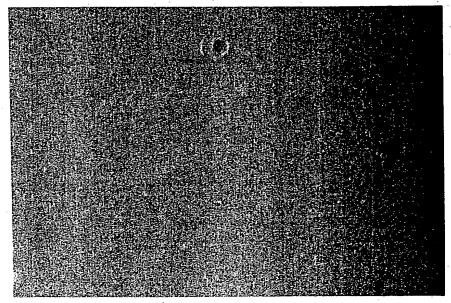


FIG. 13



SURFACE STATE B (250 μ m × 190 μ m) MORPHOLOGY

FIG. 14



SURFACE STATE A (250 μ m × 190 μ m) MORPHOLOGY

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